

FORENSIC SERVICES

FC.1

Clinical services provided by a forensic program/service conform to accepted standards of clinical practice.

FC.1.1 Forensic programs/services are designed to provide

FC.1.1.1 necessary security without sacrificing the clinical efficacy of the environment and treatment program;

FC.1.1.2 a range of services sufficient to address individual clinical and security needs within a closed/isolated setting; and

FC.1.1.3 accommodations for group and, whenever feasible, outdoor activities for the individuals served whose mobility is restricted for security reasons.

FC.2

If there are legal, correctional, and/or administrative decisions affecting an individual's treatment, a mechanism(s) exist for coordinating those decisions with clinical decisions about the individual.

FC.2.1 This mechanism(s) is designed to facilitate communication between judicial, correctional, jail, clinical, and administrative agencies and those involved in an individual's care.

FC.2.2 This mechanism(s) is designed to resolve conflict among the agencies and individuals about the treatment for individuals served.

FC.2.3 The agencies and individuals to be involved in the decision-making process for critical aspects of the care given to the individual served are clearly identified.

FC.2.3.1 These critical aspects of care include

FC.2.3.1.1 use of seclusion and/or restraint for nonclinical purposes;

FC.2.3.1.2 imposition of disciplinary restrictions;

FC.2.3.1.3 length of stay;

FC.2.3.1.4 restriction of rights; and

FC.2.3.1.5 plan for discharge and continuing care.

FC.2.3.2 Documentation shows what agencies and individuals were involved when these decisions are made.

FC.3

In their interactions with individuals served, staff with no clinical training or experience who may become involved in activities that could support or hinder the therapeutic goals for individuals served, apply the knowledge and understanding of those areas outlined in FC.3.1 through FC.3.1.6.

FC.3.1 In their interactions with individuals being served, such staff apply

FC.3.1.1 understanding of requirements to maintain confidentiality and protect the rights of individuals served;

FC.3.1.2 knowledge of procedures for responding to unusual clinical events and incidents;

FC.3.1.3 knowledge of the distinctions between administrative and clinical seclusion/restraint;

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FC.3.1.5 understanding of the range of treatment needed by individuals served; and

FC.3.1.6 knowledge of available treatment resources and their appropriate use.